

**THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CARROLLTON  
MARCH 4, 2002**

**MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting	<p>The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:30 p. m. in the Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.</p>
Roll Call	<p>There were present:</p> <p>Mayor Gerald Pilgrim Councilmember Gerald Byrd Councilmember Rusty Gray Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.</p> <p>There was absent:</p> <p>Councilmember Henry Dickerson</p>
Invocation	<p>The Invocation was offered by Councilmember Rusty Gray.</p>
Minutes	<p>The minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2002 were approved as previously circulated on a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Gray.</p> <p>The minutes of the special called meeting of February 27, 2002 were unanimously approved on a motion by Councilmember Byrd and seconded by Councilmember Gray.</p>
Community Development Block Grant	<p>The Mayor and Council heard two requests for support from organizations seeking endorsement to submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project under the auspices of the City. The Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) Agency presented a proposal to construct a new Head Start facility to accommodate the growth in children eligible for the program, and to provide a more suitable facility than the old City Elementary School (circa 1950's) on High Street. Representatives of CAFI presented documentation of the need; introduced the architects designing the facility; and indicated the application would be prepared by a consulting firm well versed and very successful in preparing CDBG applications. They assured the Mayor and Council a competitive application could, and would, be prepared. They also advised that the Agency had received <u>\$2,000,000</u> in matching funds for the project and no City funds would be required.</p> <p>Stepping Out For Christ Ministries and Operation Correct Start, Inc. presented a proposal to implement a multi-activity CDBG project including: a drainage improvement element; a homeless shelter component; a human services component; and a housing component. The proposal was presented in general terms with the representatives indicating it was more preliminary than final.</p>

The Mayor and Council thanked both organizations for their presentations and indicated that the selection of one project over another would not necessarily be a negative reflection on the other. After discussion of the respected proposals, the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to endorse the CAFI Head Start proposal as the CDBG project to be submitted on behalf of the City.

Five-Year  
Short-term  
Work Pgm.

The Mayor and Council took under consideration the update to the City's *Five Year Short-term Work Program (STWP)*, which is an element of the overall Comprehensive Plan. The City's overall Comprehensive Plan update has been deferred to 2006 in order to incorporate full data from the 2000 Census. However, in order for the City to maintain its Qualified Local Government status, which is a prerequisite to participation in state grant/loan programs and state permitting, the STWP must be approved by the State no later than June 30, 2002.

After discussion, on a motion by Councilmember Williamson and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, the Mayor and Council unanimously authorized transmitting the STWP for review by State/Regional agencies with the provision that language proposing to provide appropriate assistance to the homeless be included.

Amendment  
To The  
Cemetery  
Ord.

On a motion by Councilmember Gray and seconded by Councilmember Byrd, the Mayor and Council unanimously approved an amendment to Section 30-35 of the City's Cemetery Ordinance as follows:

**Section 30-35 Burials:**

*add (5) Burial of cremains limited to two (2) per grave.*

West  
Carrollton

Councilmember Gerald Byrd made a motion that *Ward 1* be referred to as West Carrollton, rather than the West Side. Councilmember Byrd said he feels the term West Side gives the community a negative stigma. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gray and unanimously carried.

Appointments

No action was taken on pending or upcoming appointments to various boards, authorities, commissions, etc.

Citizen's  
Comments

Mr. Frank Alford inquired what the City's policy for appointment to the Carroll County Water Authority (CCWA) is. Mr. Alford pointed out that former Councilmember George Ward is still serving on the board. City Manager Mabry advised that Mr. Ward serves on the board as an ex-officio member. Mr. Mark Teal, Public Utilities Administrator/City Engineer, also represents the City of Carrollton on the Board and has a vote on issues.

Dr. Peter Belega asked why the Council Meetings aren't advertised in *Carroll Daybook* of the *Times-Georgian*. City Manager Danny Mabry advised that the meetings are properly posted and made available to the public as required by the Open Meetings/Open Records Law.

Messrs. Robert Grady, Jr. and Charles Blackwell, representatives of NAACP of the University of West Georgia, were recognized. They expressed an interest in the form of entertainment in Carrollton. They said many of the college students leave Carrollton on weekends because of the lack of activities in the area. They said both the students and the City would benefit if the students had more incentive to stay in Carrollton and spend their money here. The Mayor and Council suggested that they meet

with other groups such as the Student Government Association, Greek Community, etc. and come back before the Council and make a formal presentation.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

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